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## BALLOT ON ANNEXATION TUESDAY

### Columbia Steel Corporation Speeds Plans for Big Sheet Mill

## LOCAL SWIMMERS READY FOR RACE

### TO START IN JUNE SURE

W. L. Booth Announces Work on Mill Is Ahead of Schedule

**WATER WELL IS DRILLED**  
Plenty of Productive Gravel in Hole 600 feet-Deep

Preparations for the construction of the Columbia Steel Corporation's \$2,000,000 sheet mill here are going forward ahead of schedule, according to William L. Booth, manager of the Torrancia plant. It is certain that the new unit, the first of its kind in Southern California, will be in operation by June, possibly before.

Arrangements were made this week with the Southern California Edison Company to insure adequate power for the mill, even in cases of emergency. A hookup for 60,000 volts has been arranged. The mill will be connected with the regular power lines coming down from the Sierras. A connection will also be made with the Long Beach auxiliary plant.

### Visitor Dies at Daughter's Home

M. C. Tooley, a resident of Rutland St., died Saturday night, Jan. 8, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Davidson, 1957 Carson street. Mr. Tooley had been ill for the past two years. Death resulted from heart failure.

Mr. Tooley had been a resident of Torrancia about one month. With his wife he had come to the coast seeking to benefit his health. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. L. B. Davidson of Torrancia and Mrs. Eric Swanson of Greenfield, Mass.

**NOT LONG BEACH MAN**  
Charged with stealing fire extinguishers in the Long Beach oil field, Joe Cramer was arrested Wednesday in Lomita charged with larceny. He was taken to Long Beach after a brief stay in the Torrancia jail.

Use Duro-cote for that leaky roof. Consolidated Lumber Co. Adv.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
Such progress in Chicago—the gunman is now a machine gunman.



### Big Building Firm Announces \$50,000 Building Program Here

Prepared to launch a \$50,000 home building program in Torrancia, C. T. McGrew and Sons, prominent Long Beach builders, announced yesterday that they will start work on six new dwellings on Cypress avenue next week.

This well-known firm of builders has already secured a number of building lots in the city and has studied Torrancia closely. Said a member of the firm yesterday: "We firmly believe that Torrancia is due for a constant and steady growth, not of the boom or mushy variety. After a careful survey of Torrancia possibilities we stand ready to invest \$50,000 in home building, with the conviction that the money will be well invested."

C. T. McGrew and Sons have an enviable reputation as a building firm. They are particularly well known in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, but this is their first venture into Torrancia. They have

### Relief Society in Need of Clothing

The Torrancia Relief Association announces that the day of weekly meetings has been changed to Tuesday, and will be held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Woodington, 2013 Arlington avenue. The monthly business meetings will be held the first Tuesday in each month.

**MOTORIST HITS GIRL**  
A woman occupant of the coupe was knocked unconscious when she was struck on the head by a bottle of mayonnaise sent flying by the impact of the car. The bottle broke and pieces of it cut slightly the boy who was driving the machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who were uninjured.

### L. A. Federation President Will Speak to Women

"Upholding American Ideals" will be the topic upon which Mrs. James Birney Lorber, president of the Los Angeles District, C. F. W. C., will speak at the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon.

### Modern Woodmen Select Officers

At a meeting of the Modern Woodmen held Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Consul, Frank Sharps; adviser, John G. King; clerk, John Chenoweth; banker, C. A. Benzel; trustee, Tom Walker.

### Mrs. Russell Clark Hurt in Accident

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**PLAN ROUSING SENDOFF**  
Torrancia Will Show Entrants Home Town Is Behind Them

Carl L. Hyde and Rufus Page, Torrancia entrants in the Catalina Island channel swimming race, are all set to leap into the Pacific ocean at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, the starting time for the Wrigley \$40,000 deep sea marathon.

### LET'S GIVE 'EM BIG SEND OFF

Friends of Carl Hyde and Rufus Page are planning to give the two men a rousing sendoff when they board the steamer for Catalina Friday morning at 10 o'clock. C. A. Paxman and Sam Levy are arranging the details and request persons interested in the event to meet with their automobiles at the Torrancia city hall at 8:45 sharp Friday morning. A parade of Torrancia automobiles will then proceed to the Wilmington terminal and send the Torrancia swimmers on their way with gusto. The boat on which the swimmers will sail leaves the dock at 10 o'clock. The Torrancia cars will leave the city hall at 8:55 sharp.

Both Hyde and Page are determined to do their utmost in the swim, and their friends are particularly desirous of sending them away with the knowledge that Torrancia is behind them with 100 percent moral support.

The Torrancia swimmers will be convoyed by the America II, a 50-foot seagoing motorboat, captained by Skipper Larsen.

A group of Torrancia citizens will be aboard the boat. Most of the party to accompany the Torrancia entrants were chosen because of particular ability to perform some one of the many tasks which must be accomplished during the swim.

By the rules of the contest the motor convoy must not approach nearer than 50 yards to the swimmers, but skiffs may be as close as 15 yards, and alongside the swimmers when nourishment is given.

Several men are slated to board the convoy and work in relays at the oars of the skiffs. Three or four strong swimmers are also scheduled to be aboard the convoy.

Hyde and Page finished their training this week with several long early morning swims off Redondo Beach. Both men are in excellent physical condition as a result of their months of training in the cold water. Both agree that the qualification most necessary in the persons who swim across the channel is ability to stand the cold water. The channel water registers as low as 47 or 48 degrees.

Hyde and Page have tested various kinds of grease and this week settled on the type they will use. Neither is planning to wear a bathing suit, for fear of chafing. The two swimmers, accompanied by Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Page, will leave for Catalina Friday morning on a Wrigley steamer. The men will take a final practice swim Friday afternoon and retire early Friday night. They must report at (Continued on Last Page)

### Observations

Two Years and Coolidge—Something New Under the Sun—Bob Shuler, Christianity's Confidence Man and Enemy of the Church

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT is almost two years before presidential nominees will be chosen for the election of 1928. Yet the present short session of Congress is more concerned with presidential booms and boombats than it is with the business of the nation.

Possibly there would be less jockeying and more accomplishment at Washington if the President's term were for eight years with no chance for re-election.

Particularly so if we chose our chief executives as the founders of the Constitution intended.

AS Sam Hlythe, political sage on the staff of the Saturday Evening Post, points out, two years is a long time and anything is more likely to happen between now and the summer of 1928. President Coolidge is not announcing himself as a candidate until he sees which way the political breezes are blowing. In case events transpire to injure his chances, there is little doubt but what Frank O. Lowden of Illinois will be the Republican nominee. Lowden is satisfactory to big business. He also has a strong following among the farmers of the Mississippi Valley. In case Coolidge doesn't run, in case the President's chances are dimmed by future events, watch Lowden.

ONCE again it is time to declare that anything is possible. Comes now a German scientist with the announcement that he can make and is making silk purses out of sows' ears. He can make them also out of horse's ankles and garbage. A large plant is being erected in Germany to sift refuse for cellulose ingredients for artificial silk.

This scurries into limbo another old adage. We expect to live to see the day when a rolling stone will gather plenty of moss.

DESPITE the ravings of Bob Shuler, who preaches more hate than he does Christian love, most citizens are pleased that the Aimee Semple McPherson case has been dismissed. To have tried the evangelist would have cost much money and regardless of the outcome of the case nothing would have been settled. The dismissal was a good way out of a situation the details of which, daily flouted in the press, were beginning to nauseate everyone.

THE reverend Bob Shuler, however, will not be satisfied with the outcome of the case. He said as much last Sunday night over his newly acquired radio broadcasting station.

How a minister of the gospel can spit the poison of hatred into the ether with one breath and pray in the name of Jesus Christ in the next is more than we are able to comprehend. Shuler is the pulpit's most acid hater. He cries for the blood of all who seem to disagree with him. He pleads for vengeance in the name of justice. One would expect his tactics from an untutored barbarian or a Shanghai beachcomber. But to imagine his spoken hatreds as compatible with the profession he represents is beyond anyone who has the most rudimentary understanding of the teachings of the Man of Nazareth.

AT present Mr. Shuler is directing his poison at Los Angeles officialdom. Much of his invective is innuendo. To protect the method of the office he suggests rather than declares.

Last Sunday night in predicting the dismissal of the McPherson case he said: "I will not say that any money was passed. I do not know that it did, but—" etc., etc.

Thus you see a minister of the gospel, who professes a love of fair play, hitting in the clinches. Thus you hear a teacher of the Word professing to be a Christian but talking like a confidence man.

IF Shuler has information that any Los Angeles official has accepted hush money he should have the courage to make his charge direct. If not he should hold his tongue. For him, a minister of the gospel, to issue suggestion and innuendo does more to drag down the ministry from its position of respect than any other method that comes to mind.

Shuler is a disturber, an enemy to the doctrines he professes to teach, an individual who is better suited to sell worthless mining stock than to preach the Word. He is a whiner of the first order, a coward suffering from an inferiority complex.

His invective was bad enough from the pulpit before a limited audience, bad enough in his magazine, but now that he pollutes the air over the radio it is worse still. Such men as Shuler make the doctrine of free speech dangerous.

ONCE knew a pastor who was a fighter of the Shuler type—only perhaps a bit more fair and clean in the pinches. But this pastor possessed a quality of introspection and honesty with himself. So he sat down one night and reviewed his own situation, decided that his biggery had no place in the pulpit, resigned his pastorate and went into real estate.

His pastorate is better off for his decision. He preached fight as Shuler does. He could not make himself preach peace and forgiveness. So he cast himself out.

A PASTOR should stand for principles and politics that are right, and against principles and practices that are wrong. But there are various methods of carrying on the battle. One is to froth at the mouth, incite to action, spout hate, as does Shuler. But this method sits poorly with a disciple of the Christ.

As a minister of the gospel Shuler is a bootlegger of poisoned Christianity, Christianity that has soured, Christianity that takes more from the devil than from the Lord, Christianity of the type that prompts Salem fanatics to burn witches. The whole world is wrong and he is right. He rails against the Los Angeles newspapers, which ignore rather than worry about him. He incites (Continued on Last Page)

### SIXTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

People Will Decide Whether 4000 Acres Shall Join to Torrancia

### LOWER TAXES ARGUMENT

Proponents of Move Point Out 35- to 50-Cent Differential

Voters of the Meadow Park and beach frontage district will decide next Tuesday whether or not to annex to the city of Torrancia the territory proposed for annexation comprises 4000 acres. It includes the Weston ranch, the Ellwood ranch, and numerous other large holdings.

Proponents of annexation declare they favor the move because of financial considerations. Property owners in the territory proposed for annexation are paying from 35 to 55 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation more than the rate prevailing in Torrancia. This is due to the high tax imposed by the Redondo school district and the county road tax, which is not paid by owners of property in an incorporated city.

There are between 50 and 60 voters in the territory proposed for annexation, according to the registration lists.

The polling place will be at the office of Charles Quandt, 204 Ocean avenue. Polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Election officers have been appointed as follows: Judge, Mrs. Marjorie Edmondson, Mrs. Carrie McLain; inspector, Charles H. Quandt.

### 200 Legionnaires Attend Meeting Here on Tuesday

Veterans From Ten Cities Guests of Torrancia and Redondo Posts

Almost 200 Legionnaires from ten cities of Southern California, led by Legion district officers, were guests of the Torrancia and Redondo Beach posts at the Legion clubhouse here Tuesday night. The occasion was the regular monthly meeting of the Legion district.

The Long Beach post arrived at the P. E. station with a rollicking fife and drum corps and paraded to the clubhouse.

District officials presided at a meeting at the clubhouse. After the business session a social evening was enjoyed.

### Contractor Killed As Car Hits Truck

Walter H. Butcher, grading contractor of Whittier and well known here, was killed Sunday night when the car which he was driving sideswiped a truck on Western avenue south of Moneta. Butcher was taken from the wreckage and driven to the Jared Sidney Torrancia Memorial Hospital, but died before reaching that institution.

A coroner's jury Tuesday attributed his death to an unavoidable accident.

Butcher had been doing grading work in the Lomita oil field and was driving home when the accident occurred. He leaves a widow.

The body was taken to Stone and Myers' undertaking parlors. The funeral was at Whittier.